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## **CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION**

### **Purpose**

101. Annex F to the CFBLNet Pub 1 is guidance that contains the management policy, processes and procedures related to a Guest CFBLNet Mission Partner (GMP) and sponsorship by a Core CFBLNet Mission Partner (CMP) under the authority of the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement Charter.

### **Authority**

102. The C-EG is the issuing authority for Annex F acting on behalf of the C-SSG. The provisions of this and all associated publications shall govern the conduct of all activities performed by the CFBLNet participants, subject to their respective laws and military regulations.

### **Document Structure**

103. Pub 1, Annex F has the following structure:

- a. Introduction
- b. GMP Sponsorship Processing

### **Rationale**

104. Pub 1, Annex F defines the approval procedure for a Potential Mission Partner (PMP) to become a GMP. Only CFBLNet Mission Partners (Guest or Core) can be Initiative Participants (i.e. can engage in an activity utilizing the CFBLNet).

### **Amendments**

105. Pub 1 Annex F may be amended when the DWG determines that there is an identified requirement. The DWG Chair will propose the text of the amendment to the DWG members for endorsement. Once the DWG members have endorsed the amendment, it will be submitted for C-EG approval. Upon approval by the C-EG, the Secretariat will re-issue a new version of Annex F.

### **Effective Date**

106. The current version of CFBLNet Pub 1, Annex F is effective upon the latest approval by the C-EG.

## **CHAPTER 2 - GUEST CFBLNet MISSION PARTNER (GMP) SPONSORSHIP PROCESSING**

### **Definitions**

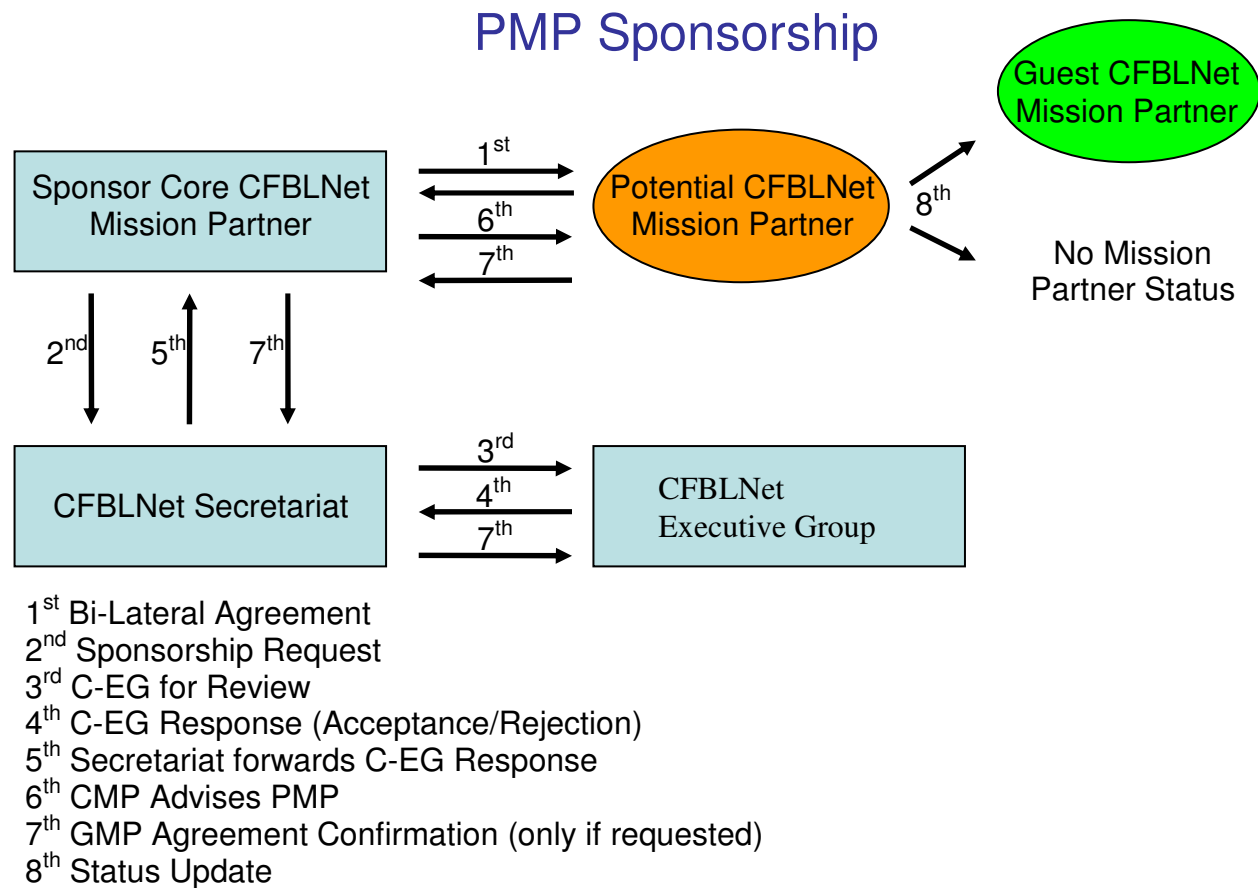
201. The following definitions are used:
- a. Potential CFBLNet Mission Partner (PMP): A PMP is a Nation/Organisation which has a bi-lateral agreement with a CMP to be sponsored by that CMP in order to obtain Guest CFBLNet Mission Partner status.
  - b. Guest CFBLNet Mission Partner (GMP): A GMP is a PMP that has been accepted by the C-EG as an official CFBLNet Mission Partner. Only CFBLNet Mission Partners (Guest or Core) can be Initiative participants (i.e. can engage in an activity utilizing the CFBLNet).
202. Related procedures are defined in other parts of Pub1, specifically:
- a. Pub1 Annex B defines the CFBLNet Initiative approval process, including the use of the CFBLNet Initiative Information Pack (CIIP) to ensure a consistent review and approval process for each CFBLNet Initiative. The Mission Partners that will participate in the Initiative, and the list of CFBLNet sites involved, are reviewed as part of the approval process.
  - b. Pub1 Annex E defines the CFBLNet Site Nomination process.

### **Requesting that a PMP become a GMP**

203. A PMP cannot become a GMP unless it is sponsored by a CMP. The PMP and sponsoring CMP work together to generate a joint request, which is sent via the Sponsoring CLR to the CFBLNet Secretariat.
204. A GMP Lead Representative (GLR) will be required. GLR Terms of Reference are located in Annex A.

### **Procedure for Sponsoring a PMP**

205. The following flowchart illustrates the steps required for a CMP to sponsor a PMP:



All transactions by official e-mail channels

**Figure 1 - PMP Sponsorship Process Diagram**

### Step 1 - CMP and PMP Bi-Lateral Agreement

206. The level of agreement is at the discretion of the CMP and PMP. The CMP will reference formal and informal factors that apply for a GMP, for example:

- a. CFBLNet Technical Charter and Publications
- b. Any infrastructure requirements/resourcing
- c. Codes of Practice

Note: This process does not address Data Sharing Agreements or MOUs - they are Initiative Specific.

## Step 2 - CMP Seeks C-EG Approval for a GMP

207. The correspondence of intent will be by email from the CMP (CLR) to the Secretariat to request a PMP recognition as a GMP. The email will address strategic values and mission partnering for Research, Development, Trails & Assessment benefits for partners involved across the spectrum of operations, based upon DOTMLPF<sup>1</sup> constructs. The justification should not be tied to a specific initiative. Where possible the request for GMP status should be accompanied by a copy of the Bi-lateral agreement which records that the PMP has agreed to comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1.

**Table 1: Template points for sponsorship request**

<b>TEMPLATE – Sponsorship Request</b>
GMP(s) proposed with POC information (Name, Position, Phone, E-mail)
Strategic and Mission Partner Benefits based upon DOTMLPF constructs
Request Signed by both sponsoring CMP and PMP
(Where possible) A copy of the Bi-lateral agreement which records that the PMP has agreed to comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1

## Step 3 – C-EG Review and Decision

208. The Secretariat formally records the request and staffs it to the C-EG. If the request was accompanied by a bi-lateral agreement showing that the PMP will comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1, the C-EG will note this PMP commitment. The Principal participants review the request and vote on Acceptance/Rejection. Note: Completion of this process can take a considerable amount of time. The C-EG response will be formal. The C-EG decision is final and no justification can be provided.

## Step 4 – Response

209. If the request is successful, C-EG acceptance will be in the form of the GMP Agreement (signed by C-EG and including caveats or exceptions as applicable). The C-EG acceptance will always be conditional on the existence of an active agreement signed by the PMP that it will comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1. The C-EG responds through the Secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> Doctrine, Organization, Training, Material, Leadership, Personnel, and Facilities

**Step 5 - Secretariat Informs CMP of Acceptance/Rejection**

210. The Secretariat records and forwards the formal C-EG response to the CMP.

**Step 6 - CMP Advises PMP on Decision**

211. The CMP forwards the formal C-EG response to the PMP.

**Step 7 – GMP Agreement Confirmation (if required)**

212. If the C-EG has already noted the existence of an agreement signed by the PMP to comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement / Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1, then no GMP agreement confirmation is required (i.e. step 7 is null).

213. Otherwise, the PMP must now sign an agreement that it will comply with the CFBLNet Technical Arrangement / Charter and with CFBLNet Pub1 and provide this to the CMP (CLR) who forwards to the C-EG via the Secretariat. The C-EG confirms the PMPs acceptance to be a GMP and verifies that an agreement is in place. This now enables the GMP the rights and responsibilities as laid out in the GMP acceptance.

**Step 8 – Status Update**

214. The Secretariat informs the community and records acceptance of the GMP.

215. C-EG sends a welcome letter to the new GMP